

# From Riches to the End of the Republic

# A split between Rich and Poor

- Patricians created huge estates, called Latifundia, from farms devastated during the Punic Wars



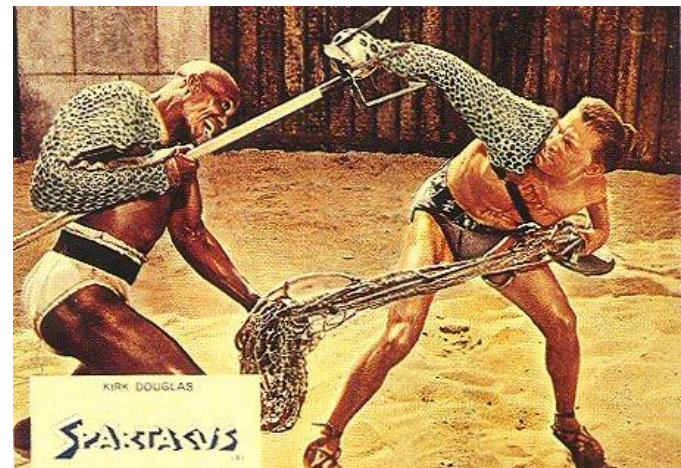
# A new class of Romans- The Proletariat

- Plebeians forced to give up their farms, moved to the City where they became the new urban poor



# Slaves and more Slaves

- Newly conquered areas gave the Romans an abundance of free labor
- One Slave, Spartacus, led an uprising (73 BCE) that lasted for three years before they were eventually crucified





# The City of Rome Expands



# You got to fight for the right

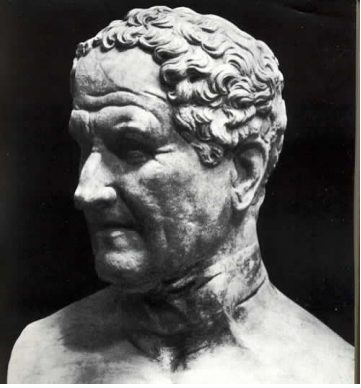
Tiberius Gracchus and his brother, Gaius, became Tribunes and fought for the rights of the new urban poor





# More loyal to their leader than their country

- Marius led his troops to great success, he allowed the Proletariat to join his forces- they became career soldiers
  - Marius broke the rules, sat as consul 5 times in a row



# Civil War in Rome

Sulla, another general, became dictator a position that he kept for more than six months

Sulla and Marius led armies that went to war against each other- ,



# The Rise of Julius Caesar

- Of noble birth, he vied for power in Rome, working his way up the ladder of success
- As provincial governor he amassed wealth, which he used to influence other politicians and patricians

# 1<sup>st</sup> Triumvirate- 60 BCE

- Caesar, Pompey and Crassus make a deal- Rule together!
  - Pompey is Julius son in law

I thought there were supposed to be co-consuls  
not

# Caesar conquers Gaul

- As Governor of Gaul, Caesar begins a long campaign (8 years) to defeat the local tribes
  - One-third of the local population is killed
- Like Hannibal, Caesar ate with his men
- Like a good politician, Caesar embellished his successes in letters to Rome

# Long Live Caesar

- Caesar's success made him legendary in Rome- The triumvirate was unraveling
- *Crossing the Rubicon*- making a decision that you can't return from-
- Defying Orders by the Senate to disband his troops before entering crossing the Rubicon River in modern day Italy, Caesar starts a Civil War

# The Rubicon



# Caesar defeats Pompey

- In Egypt , Pompey is murdered and his head is offered as a gift to Julius
- Civil War in Rome
- Caesar victorious



# Gaining Power

- Caesar
  - Expanded the Senate
  - Distribute land to Veterans
  - Provided Grain to the poor
  - Created a 365 day (every 4 yr leap day) Calendar
  - Mob rule??? Caesar used his henchmen against those who threatened him

# Absolute Ruler or King?

- Caesar becomes Absolute ruler
- Dictator for 10 years
- Then elected Dictator for Life